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## SENATOR ALLARD HAILS DEDICATION OF GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) on Monday hailed the dedication of the Great Sand Dunes National Park as a "tremendous triumph for the people of the San Luis Valley."

"This is the culmination of many years of hard work," Senator Allard said. "Our nation's newest national park is proof-positive of what can be accomplished with local consensus. This project was driven to success by the initiative of the citizens of the San Luis Valley."

"The park also had the support of key public officials and private organizations. My colleagues in the House and the Senate, particularly Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Congressman Scott McInnis, the Nature Conservancy, and last, but not least, President Bush and Interior Secretary Norton provided the support needed to see this effort through to its successful conclusion," Senator Allard said. "It was a pleasure work with them throughout the designation process, and I join together with all of them in today's celebration"